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SUBJECT: ROC IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON CANNED ABALONE:
- CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY

REF: A) STATE 105079 B) TAIPEI 2307

1. AT APRIL 18 MEETING COMMERCIAL ATTACHE GAVE H.K. SHAO
BACKGROUND OF SENATOR CRANSTON'S REQUEST, ON BEHALF OF
OCEAN GARDEN PRODUCTS, INC. OF SAN DIEGO, FOR LIFTING
OF THE IMPORT BAN ON ABALONE. H.K. SHAO AGREED THAT
REMOVAL OF CANNED ABALONE FROM CONTROLLED LIST OF IMPORT
ITEMS WOULD BE A TOKEN BENEFIT TO OUR BILATERAL TRADE
BALANCE. HE PROMISED TO HAVE STUDY DONE OF POSSIBILITY
OF IMPORT LIBERALIZATION FOR THIS ITEM.

2. SHAO HAS NOW REPORTED THAT BOARD OF FOREIGN TRADE HAS
FLOATED OUR PROPOSAL IN INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE. FINAL
DECISION IS SEVERAL MONTHS OFF, SINCE APPROVAL OF EXECUTIVE
YUAN (CABINET) REQUIRED. BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A LENGTHY
AND CUMBERSOME PROCEDURE, ABALONE LIBERALIZATION WILL BE
LUMPED TOGETHER WITH OTHER LIBERALIZATIONS AND TARIFF
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REDUCTIONS NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. OF INTEREST IS CURRENT STRONG SENTIMENT IN BUSINESS
CIRCLES FOR IMPORT LIBERALIZATION, WHICH HAS ALSO SURFACED
IN LOCAL PRESS, BECAUSE OF LARGE FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES
ALREADY AMASSED AND CONTINUATION OF SIZEABLE GLOBAL TRADE
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